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PIECEGOODS

DEALERS WHO COULD NOT TAKE UP

BANKRUPTCY CASES.

J. D. Hutchison and Co. and
Lexley and Co. were the petition-
ing creditors in respect of piece-
goods dealers in the Bankruptcy
Court this morning.

Mr. Hugh Jones represented
both European firms.

The first case was that of the
affairs of Kwong Leun King, of
37, Jervois Street. \$78,446 was
due to J. D. Hutchison and Co.
under contracts for piecegoods
which were still in petitioning
creditors' hands and were now
valued at \$50,000.

From information received
from the foks of the debtor firm
and the compradore's association
(a number of whom had other
claims) it was understood that
the total liabilities of the debtor
firm were \$480,000, most of which
claims were similar ones for
piecegoods dealings. The goods
held under those contracts were
now valued at \$320,000. The
goods in the shop of debtor firm
were valued at \$12,000. There-
fore, there seemed to be a total deficit
of \$148,000, said Mr. Hugh Jones.
All the contracts were overdue for
the taking up of the goods.

The Official Receiver remarked
that the value of the assets de-
pended entirely on the piecegoods
market. In the present state of
trade, if the goods in question
were put on the market, would
they realise the amount claimed?
The actual assets held by the
debtor firm only amounted to the
\$32,000, value of the goods in the
shop. The Ordinance provided
for such petitions as was being
asked for by creditors in this
case, only to be given where there
was substantial assets. In view
of the liabilities, could that
amount be held to be substantial?
Usually he (the Official Receiver)
look 10 per cent. of the liabilities
to be "substantial" which was
even then a very elastic inter-
pretation.

"A Prophet."
Mr. Hugh Jones said that it
must be borne in mind that any
improvement in the piecegoods
market would influence the
debtor's affairs beneficially both
ways for it would reduce the
claims and increase the value of
the assets.

His Lordship: You are asking
me to play the part of prophet of
the future market. I must con-
tent myself with the present.
However, I am inclined to think
that the word "substantial" does
not necessarily mean proportion-
ately substantial. \$12,000, is
quite a large amount.

After Mr. Philip Stanley
Cassidy (partner in J. D. Hutchi-
son and Co.), also the compradore
of J. D. Hutchison, had given
evidence of the debt, a receiving
order was made.

Judge's Criticism.
Regarding the case in which
Lexley and Co. were the petition-
ing creditors. His Lordship
strongly criticised the action of
certain of the creditors who were
alleged by the Official Receiver to
have gone to the premises of the
debtor firm and packed in cases
certain of the goods.

The compradore of Lexley and
Co. said in the witness box this
had been done by foks of the
debtor firm. He denied that he
had superintended the packing up.
Mr. Hugh Jones remarked that
presumably it had been done to
protect the goods.

His Lordship: But the credi-
tors had no earthly right to act
like that. Suppose some of the
assets had disappeared. If that
sort of procedure is allowed what
is there to prevent the ox that
breatheth out the corn from eating
most of it.

Mr. Hugh Jones: It must have
been done with the best of inten-
tions with a view to protecting the
assets of the general body of
creditors.

His Lordship: But it is a most
improper procedure. Creditors
have no right to take upon them-
selves duties devolving on the
official receiver. Business was
closed and there was no one in
charge there. The creditors seem

to have swooped down on the
business, intermeddled with it and
taken control of the whole situa-
tion.

In view of the action that had
been taken he would dismiss the
petition, said His Lordship.

Missing Debtor.
An order for adjudication was
made in respect of the affairs of
Peng Li-tin, the debtor who ab-
sconded after his public examina-
tion in bankruptcy a short time
ago and a warrant issued for his
arrest.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR
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on demand to-day was 2/3 13/16

OBITUARY

FORMER RESIDENT'S DEATH IN TORONTO.

MR. DENIS G. SMITH.

The many friends he had in
Hongkong, particularly among the
younger fraternity, will regret to
hear of the death in Toronto, of
Mr. Denis George Smith who was
in Hongkong for three or four
years.

The late Mr. Smith was a late
partner in Brewster and Co., the
local booksellers, and left Hong-
kong at the end of 1923 on medical
advice. He was a victim of tuber-
cular trouble.

The late Mr. Smith was well
known as a raconteur and was an
excellent entertainer. His ser-
vices were often in demand. He
was 26 years of age and single.

SHIPPING MERGER.

N.Y.K. ABSORBS A T.K.K. LINE.

LOCAL OFFICE GOES?

The merger between the N.Y.K.
and one of the T.K.K. companies
which was reported a few days
ago to be pending, has now actual-
ly taken place.

The N.Y.K. takes over the
secondary T.K.K. which operates
five San Francisco and four South
American line steamers. Book-
ings by these steamers will be in
the hands of the N.Y.K. as from
March 15.

The merger does not affect
what is known as the "No. 1
T.K.K. Co." which will still have
its office in Tokyo. That company
operates 11 steamers including
one tanker.

Interviewed by a "China Mail"
reporter this morning, the local
manager of the T.K.K. said that
he expected the Hongkong office
of the T.K.K. would close shortly.

MOTOR MISHAP.

MRS. STAPLE'S FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

RICSHA OVERTURNED.

In a motor accident at Queen's
Road East, near Tai Wong Street,
a European lady, the wife of Mr.
K. K. Staple of the P.W.D., was
thrown out of a ricksha in which
she was travelling when a motor
car overturned it yesterday.

The lady was promptly taken to
the Naval Hospital, but was not
seriously injured.

The driver of the car in a re-
port to the police blamed another
for cutting past him and obstruct-
ing the way. To prevent a collision
with another car which was
approaching from behind, it was
alleged that he had to swerve to
the side of the road and struck
the ricksha.

The damage to the ricksha
amounted to a broken wheel.

Quarantine restrictions have
been imposed against Amoy on
account of small-pox.

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L33 DAMAGED.

COLLISION WITH FERRY IN HARBOUR.

TOWED BY TUGS.

A collision took place in the
western limits of the harbour this
morning between L33, one of the
submarines attached to the
China Squadron, and the Tai O
launch which was on its outward
journey.

The L33 was at the time in
company with several other sub-
marines which were leaving Hong-
kong for Singapore.

The submarine sustained con-
siderable damage and, on the naval
authorities being communi-
cated with, naval tugs
were sent to the scene. The
other submarines, receiving as-
surance that there was no danger
of forced submergence, continued
their journey.

The damaged L33 was towed
back to the dockyard for examina-
tion. Other than that the dam-
age is considerable, no official news
of actual details is available. The
L33 will have to be put into dock
for repairs.

A SPECTATOR'S MISSING
BINOCULARS.

FOUND BY POLICE.

RACECOURSE THEFT.

A SPECTATOR'S MISSING BINOCULARS.

FOUND BY POLICE.

Two Chinese were charged before
Major C. Wilbur at the Central
Magistracy this morning with theft
of a pair of binoculars and alterna-
tively with race-course betting.
The owner of the glasses, Leung
Yau-chung, a clerk living at
Stanton Street, described his visit
to the Japanese stand to watch the
races on Wednesday in the course
of which he found his binoculars
case empty. The loss was reported
to the police and some days later
the glasses were found in the pos-
session of a Chinese at Man Hing
Lane, who accused the two defen-
dants of having left the article
with him for sale.

The first defendant accused his
fellow prisoner and the informer as
being the persons who offered to
sell the glasses to him after invit-
ing him to smoke opium with them.

His Worship considered that the
evidence of the informer alone was
not sufficient to convict the defen-
dants on the charge of theft. He
held that the informer should also
have been charged on a charge of
receiving the stolen property. The
case was adjourned until to-mor-
row.

CAPE FLIGHTS.
ROYAL AIR FORCE AT
MALAKAL.

COBHAM SMIL AT CAIRO.

(British Wireless Service.)

The airmen of the Royal Air
Force who, in four machines, are
flying from Cairo to Cape Town,
have arrived at Malakal in the
Soudan.

Mr. Alan Cobham, who was to
have left Cairo to-day for Soliman
on his return to London, has been
delayed by unfavourable weather,
but he hopes to proceed to-morrow.

H.E. the General Officer Com-
manding the Forces in China,
Major General C. C. Lauder, C.B.,
C.M.G., inspected the 1st Batta-
lion, The East Surrey Regiment, this
morning at the "Murray" Parade
Ground.

A scramble between sampan
people to obtain faces on the
arrival of the S.S. "Akada" led to
a fight yesterday, in which two
Chinese were injured and sent to
the Kwong Wah Hospital. These
men, who took part in the attack
on the "Akada", have been detained.

The weather forecast until noon
to-morrow is E. winds, moderate;
generally overcast, fog later.

A number of Indians and Chinese
were involved in a fight at Wan-
chai, yesterday, and as a result a
Chinese was sent to the Government
Civil Hospital with an injury to his
head. The trouble started when an
Indian, watchman, remonstrated
with a small boy for throwing rice.

A long list of traffic summonses
was dealt with at the Central
Magistracy this morning when
drivers of motor vehicles, cycles
and trucks had to pay the penalty
for breaking the regulations. Mr.
C. Rowe, of H.M.S. "Hawking,"
had to answer five separate charges
in connection with his motor cycle,
each of which he was fined \$5.

SHARE BOOM?

LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS MOVE UP.

HOLDERS NOT SELLING.

If there is no actual boom, there
are signs there an appreciable re-
vival in local stocks and shares has
begun. Quotations are moving up-
wards although transactions are
still "strictly for cash" and there
is no forward business. Another
feature of Ice House Street is that
there are many buyers but very few
sellers. The impression, therefore,
is that holders are waiting for a
further rise.

"Well, things are moving now,"
replied a broker, with a broad
smile, to a "China Mail" man this
morning. Asked to explain the
situation to a layman he said:

"Prior to China New Year, there
were sellers and no buyers, holders
trying to dispose of stocks (in
exchange for hard cash) for the
annual settlement. Now the posi-
tion is reversed. People want to
buy but sellers are not satisfied
with the present comparatively low
quotations. However, the 'really
big ones' who cause violent fluctua-
tions have not come in yet. That
is the fact that some stocks have
moved two, three, or even four
points a day as in 'Wharves'."

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what use is made of these two
double-enders, for whom some
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memory long after they are gone.
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Hongkong, at any rate—they are
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A SURNAME PUZZLE.

MOK AND YUEN IN COURT.

BROTHER'S EXPLANATION.

Unlawful possession of a bag of
medicinal roots and offering a bribe
of \$5 to a constable were charges
against a Chinese at the Central
Magistracy this morning before Mr.
R. E. Lindell.

A constable stated in evidence
that defendant gave him \$5 and
asked him to let him go. Defen-
dant denied this, stating that he had
not a cent in his pocket. His Wor-
ship remarked it was unlikely that
the constable would take the money
out of his own pocket in order to
get the defendant into trouble.

Divisional Inspector Peter Grant
explained that the money may have
been given by another man who fol-
lowed the arrested man to the
Police Station and bailed him out
by promptly paying \$50.

The benefactor on being brought
from the rear of the Court claimed
the defendant as his younger
brother, hence his interest in the
case. Asked how, being brothers,
he bore the surname of Yuen while
the defendant gave him as Mok, wit-
ness gave a ready explanation by
stating that the younger Yuen was
adopted by another family and as-
sumed their surname.

A previous conviction for a
similar offence was brought to His
Worship's attention and defendant
was convicted. On the first charge
he was fined \$25, or six weeks, and
\$100, or six weeks, on the charge
of offering the bribe. The \$5 con-
cerned in the case was confiscated.

"DURBAN'S" QUEST.
This morning the Naval authori-
ties stated that H.M.S. "Durban"
was expected to return by to-night.
She had been cruising outside and
was now coming back. There was
no development to report in con-
nection with the message from Wal-
gan Lighthouse, on Saturday night,
with regard to the "mystery ship,"
which passed without the signals.

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VETERANS OF 26-

OLD TYPHOON "HEROES" TO RETIRE.

NEW "STAR" FERRIES.

Veterans of 26 years old each,
two typhoon "heroes" in the
"Star" Ferry Co.'s "Southern
Star" and "Northern Star" are
advertised for sale.

Since they were built in 1900,
these two boats were in service
during the big typhoons of 1906
and 1923. Those in the company
do not recall any particularly ex-
citing incident in connection with
them.

When a "China Mail" reporter
inquired this morning, Mr. F. H.
Crappell, secretary, said that full
details were available for prospec-
tive buyers. At present the
"Northern Star" was still in regu-
lar service and the "Southern"
was the spare boat. If a pur-
chaser stipulated, one boat could
be delivered immediately.

The sale of these boats came as
a sequel to the placing in service
of the two present bigger
launches and the other two that
would be ready shortly. One of
the latter had been launched and
may be ready next month. The
last is expected to be launched a
month or so later. When these
were completed, the two oldest
boats would not be required.

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LIVELY SCENES.

SWARAJISTS WALK OUT OF ASSEMBLY.

DRAMATIC ADJOURNMENT.

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Delhi, March 8.
The crowds who thronged the
galleries of the Legislative
Assembly, in participation of a
lively discussion on the Budget
grants, witnessed a dramatic
scene, the Swarajists walking out
after an impassioned speech by
Pandit Motilal Nehru.

He declared that their co-
operation had been declined. They
had been ridiculed and humiliated.
They had sent a message to the
people of the United Kingdom
that contentment in India was
impossible until the system was
changed, but the stony hearts of
the bureaucracy remained ob-
durate.

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"TOC H."

MR. CLAYTON'S LOCAL NOTES.

"TEN YEARS AGO."

Mr. P. B. Clayton, who is so popular in connection with the "Toc H" movement, writes thus in the March number "St. John's Cathedral Notes":

Ten years ago, a battered House in Flanders opened its doors to all and sundry in the Salient of Ypres; but, instead of dwindling into importance like most war-torn places, Toc H has had the courage to extend and to expand. It has extended its Membership so that the veteran is to-day but a tithe of its active list, and it has expanded from one broken Belgian house, tattered and its name is a watchword among the British stock in many far corners of the World.

As the Red Cross Society sprang from Scotland, and the Boy Scouts from Mafeking, so Toc H is emerging as the triumphant trophy wrested from the last great Tragedy of war to train the younger men of the race in many spare time tasks of service. Toc H in its own way is a great structural achievement as that gigantic causeway in process across Sydney Harbour. It is in fact a fourfold bridge, built from both ends at once. In age, its spans the gap, so dangerous and dispiriting, between the Boy Scout and the Rotarian, and unites deeply into the aims of both. It is a bridge to leap the gulf which inherited class consciousness makes ever more divisive and distressing between the young employer and the young employed; and Toc H springs happily from both sides at once. It is a link which is at least beginning to lessen the alienation between the younger men and organised religion; for in Toc H the Padres of many churches may meet their men in the happiest and most wholesome spirit of understanding, with a common aim of doing good, which lends them back to the deeper needs of life itself within the world-be worker for God's Kingdom. And now Toc H has yet another cause at heart, and is building a further causeway to carry it. This is the spanning of the wide seas which separate the younger men of the Empire, sprung largely from the same stock, bred in schools and circumstances which have at least certain great common factors, but pitifully ignorant of one another, and lacking any great unifying principle of purpose. Yet on them, in a few years' time, falls the Titanic task of making the Empire one household more than ever.

Towards all this, the little Lamps of Toc H, lit by the Prince and upheld undimmed by teams of Serving Brethren, may prove an incalculable contribution. Last December was especially significant, for it saw not only the end of the first decade of Toc H, but the homecoming of its first world-missionaries. In Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Vancouver, out on the Western prairies and south west in British Columbia, Toc H is building bravely. In New Zealand, four units have their feet firm and their hands busy with good deeds. In Australia, where (apart from a few survivors and a handful of jackaroos) Toc H was unknown a year ago, there are now ten units well and truly founded, with some surprising resources in men and money already; and Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Cairo, and Jerusalem have their groups well gathered. Meanwhile the Prince himself has laid some good seed for Toc H in South Africa, when a formal opening follows in 1926; and in Buenos Aires he has confirmed the Branch, whose Lamp he lit last year. This December it is possible that he will also be called upon to light a Lamp for men who will never be his subjects. Toc H is growing deep in the Eastern United States. Its first House there is now open at Washington, and there are many seedlings in Pennsylvania and New England.

In previous years at the Guildhall, the Prince, assisted by such men as Lord Grey of Faldoen, Sir James Barris, and Sir Charles Harrington, has lit the growing circle of these Lamps; and many men have wondered. This year the Birthday Festival of Toc H will be a portent that must carry round the map, to call our breed of men from far and near to find more pleasure in their duty, more fibre in their faithfulness.

Cramps in the Stomach.

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HAYLEY MORRIS.

DECISION OF COURT OF APPEAL.

AN APPALLING CASE.

In a court crowded with barristers and the general public, Hayley Morris, of Pippingford Park, Uckfield, Sussex, and his young wife, Madeline, applied for leave to appeal against their convictions at Lewes Assizes. The applications were dismissed, and the Lord Chief Justice directed that both the sentences should start from that day. Morris and his wife were found guilty on December 17 last of offences with regard to young women whom Morris employed at his house, and the sentence passed on the husband by Mr. Justice Avey was two years' hard labour and one year without hard labour (both terms to run consecutively). A sentence of nine months' hard labour was passed on the wife for conspiracy and for aiding and abetting her husband.

Sir Douglas Hogg, K.C. (the Attorney-General), Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., and Mr. John Flowers, appeared for the crown. Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., and Mr. St. John Hutchinson represented Hayley Morris, and Sir Henry Curtis, Bennett, K.C., and Sir Travers Humphreys were for Mrs. Morris.

Both prisoners asked for permission to call further evidence, but only Morris himself asked to have the sentence reviewed. While he did not appeal against the conviction for procurement and the consequent sentence of two years' hard labour, he wished to appeal against the conviction for conspiracy and alleged assault, and against the sentence of one year's imprisonment without hard labour.

Mrs. Morris in Dock.

Mrs. Morris, who was accompanied in the dock by two wardresses, wore a smart brown costume with a small hat to match. She looked pale. During the hearing of the case she often wiped her eyes with a handkerchief.

Morris, who sat next to her with two wardresses on his left, frequently spoke to his wife. When he first entered the dock he shook her hand, smiled, and had a short conversation with her.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, dealing with the applications of Mrs. Morris, said the notice of her appeal stated that the refusal of Mr. Justice Avey to postpone her trial when application was made, owing to her condition of health, amounted to a denial of justice, for it was not arrived at by the exercise of judicial discretion, but was an arbitrary decision contrary to the only evidence on the matter before the court.

Mrs. Morris's application was based on three points: "The first was whether or not the judge had in fact exercised his discretion judicially."

The second was whether this statement made by the judge, when leave to call further evidence was made on the Monday morning, was such a statement, made in the presence of the jury, as to prevent that jury from giving a fair and impartial trial to the female appellant.

The third was whether or not as the result of the course taken by the judge in this case, Mrs. Morris was prevented from exercising what was her statutory right to give evidence on her own behalf.

Case for Morris. Mr. Roland Oliver, dealing with Hayley Morris's application, asked the court to consider whether justice would not have been prejudiced if one prisoner, not having anything to do with the second one, were ordered to surrender to his bail sooner than was usual simply because the other prisoner made an application that the judge said, was for the purpose of deceiving the court and was a conspiracy.

With regard to the sentence, Mr. Oliver said it had been the policy of the courts and the legislature not to imprison a person in a local prison for more than two years.

The Lord Chief Justice asked Mr. Oliver if he had considered the fact that Morris had been proved guilty of several offences and that, for any one of them, he was liable to two years' imprisonment.

Mr. Oliver replied that he had considered it deeply. The Lord Chief Justice remarked that what was done in this case came near to being rape. If it had been, and there was a conviction, the maximum punishment was penal servitude for life.

Attorney General Replies.

Dealing with Morris's appeal, Sir Douglas Hogg commented that, in effect, what Morris was saying was, "I admittedly am guilty of most revolting crimes against little girls, but that would never have prejudiced the minds of the jury against me. What is important is that they wrongly found me guilty of conspiracy because the judge ordered me to be taken into custody on the Saturday." How could it be seriously argued that the case of the man which had not a shred of evidence to support it had been prejudiced?

That he was the disgusting villain that he admits he was, who debauched little girls one after the other, was likely to prejudice the jury far more than anything the judge said or did.

With some remission, Hayley Morris would only spend 30 months in prison under the existing sentence. There was no shadow of evidence to show that he would suffer from such a term.

The Lord Chief Justice: I understand that there are certain classes of offences which are regarded as of such a kind that there can be no remission.

Sir Douglas said he was informed that all offences could secure remission.

"This man for this series of offences of the most gross and brutal kind, carried on for nearly a year—deliberately carried on with the intention of getting one after another fresh victim every month—is to be let out again 22½ years from the time his sentence runs. If the court is to consider the offence, as invited, I might remind you that there is a power of considering the sentence both ways. There is something to be said for making the punishment adequate to the crime and for protecting the public from the letting loose of a man who had made wicked and disgusting attempts of this kind."

Judgment Delivered.

Delivering judgment, the Lord Chief Justice said:

"This appeal is one of a singular degree of unreality. The evidence in the case, as was admitted, is not merely disgusting but it is also in the highest degree overwhelming. Neither of the two counsel on behalf of the appellants has attempted to deal with the mass of repulsive facts disclosed by the evidence in the case."

"So far as Hayley Morris is concerned it was never in contemplation that he should go into the witness-box to offer an answer to any of the allegations made against him. It is said that there were certain matters at the trial of such a kind as to entitle the appellants to take advantage of them and, to urge, notwithstanding the verdict of the jury and the character and volume of the evidence, that the conviction in the one case should be quashed and that in the other case the sentence should be revised."

A few days after the date of the commitment for trial a doctor was consulted, sincerely or insincerely, about the alleged condition of Mrs. Morris. On December 10 a true bill was found by the Grand Jury and, on the evening of that day, a consultation was suggested with another physician as to her condition. On Friday, December 11, she was examined by that doctor. On December 10, as soon as the Grand Jury had returned a true bill, an application was made to fix the date of the trial. After that had been fixed for December 14 an application was made on the Saturday for a postponement of the trial to the next assizes.

The question whether the trial should be postponed or not to the next assizes was not an issue at the trial. It was a matter within the discretion of the judge. The application being made, a doctor was called, and his evidence had been read. That doctor was cross-examined, and more than that, it was admitted that a certificate or report should be put in from the other doctor—the consultant who was not called. It was said that it would be dangerous to the life of Madeline Morris to stand her trial at Lewes within the next few days, very dangerous indeed.

Mr. Justice Avey put some questions to the doctor who was in the box and he did not grant the application. No issue in the trial was involved, but, in the circumstances which were alleged on behalf of the defence, a request was made to the judge for postponement.

A further attempt was made on the Monday morning, when the woman for whom it was said it would be dangerous for her to stand her trial, appeared and was in the dock. One could imagine how strongly by this time, the reasonable suspicions of the judge had been confirmed.

Repulsive Case.

It was said that in these circumstances the judge failed judicially to exercise his discretion in refusing to postpone the trial. In the opinion of the court there was no ground whatever for that criticism. It was said further that, having formed an unfavourable view of the nature and origin of this unsuccessful application, the judge made an error in point of law in expressing his conclusion in the presence and hearing of the jury. But persons who made applications to judges in court must be prepared, sometimes to receive an answer that was not helpful to them. The judge stated before the jury something of what he thought, in all the circumstances, of the application.

It was said that the effect of that was to prevent these appellants from having a fair trial. There was not the slightest evidence that in any respect there was a failure to give these appellants a fair trial. On the contrary, what appeared

POSTPONED WORKS.

ADDITIONS TO YEAR'S BUDGET.

FINANCE MEMBERS' COMMENT.

The submitted expenditure of \$1,365,710 not included in the 1925 Budget occasioned comment at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday.

The work was for certain public works postponed from 1925.

The Director of Public Works explained that in 1925 the Secretary of State sanctioned an expenditure of \$8,000,000 on public works extraordinary. Later the Department was told to retrench as far as possible, but it was quite impossible at that time to know exactly to what extent they could retrench. The result of the year's work showed that over a million dollars on these items sanctioned by the Secretary of State was payable, but they were not provided for in this year's estimates as when the estimates were framed it was quite impossible to say to what extent savings would be effected.

Hon. Mr. Lang: This year's estimates are not worth the paper they are written on.

The Chairman: You cannot say that.

Hon. Mr. Lang: But here we

are asked for another million and a quarter at any time!

The Director mentioned that the items were exceedingly urgent, but on instructions the Department marked time on all these items last year. He added that the contractors had not been paid since the beginning of the year.

The Committee's approval was ultimately given.

C. P. R. HOTEL.

The Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., have received the following from their head office in Montreal:

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was that the jury exercised a wise discrimination in the verdicts which they found. It was said that the effect of what was said and what was done in the course of the application for postponement deprived the female appellant of her right to give evidence. It was difficult to follow that argument. What was there in what had taken place to prevent her from going into the box to make her denials? The conclusion was irresistible that what prevented her going into the box was the knowledge that by doing so she could not help herself or her fellow-prisoner.

It was clear that the evidence in this case was conclusive as it was repulsive. When one looks at the case it is quite easy to see that the application made to the judge for postponement was made in circumstances and with results involving the gravest suspicion. There is not the slightest ground for the appeal of the woman, Madeline Roberts, or Morris."

Dealing with the appeal of Hayley Morris against the sentence the Lord Chief Justice said if the sentence was to be revised by the court it would be in the direction of an increased term. "A more appalling case of its kind is not within our recollection. It is said that the court is prevented from passing a sentence of imprisonment following that of two years' hard labour."

"This court has never laid down the doctrine that, in no case, may a sentence of imprisonment be given so as not to be consecutive to a term of two years' hard labour. If the law had permitted it, the proper sentence would have been one of penal servitude."

The Lord Chief Justice added that the court only hoped that before long—and indeed, before another case of these dimensions could possibly arise—the legislature would have removed a blemish from the existing penal legislation and would have given to the Courts a discretion, where there was a multiplicity of offences of certain kinds, to impose sentence of penal servitude.

In both cases, the applications would be dismissed and the sentence would run from that day.

Mrs. Morris, who had risen from her seat in the dock when the Lord Chief Justice began his judgment, clutched at the rail for a time and then resumed her seat, while her husband remained standing.

At the conclusion of the judgment Mrs. Morris rose quickly, and after a few hurried words to her husband, passed out of the dock unassisted.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on FRIDAY, 12th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 3rd March 1926, until WEDNESDAY 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 23, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1926.

TO THE CONCERNED.

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DOLLAR DECISION: 

AT GENEVA.

CLAIMANTS FOR COUNCIL SEATS.

POLAND OUT OF RUNNING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 8.

The animation in the lobbies of the Secretariat was unprecedented when the Council of the League of Nations opened a private session to discuss the agenda.

There was a huge gathering of journalists in addition to the general public, all discussing possible solutions of the question of the re-constitution of the Council.

The consensus of opinion is that Poland is at present out of the running, and that Spain and Brazil may give way to facilitate the entry of Germany, though both Spain and Brazil declare that their attitude toward claiming seats is unchanged.

An extraordinary session of the Assembly of the League opened in the afternoon. Viscount Ishii, acting President, in a speech, said that the meeting of the Assembly at such short notice was unprecedented. It proved the efficiency of the League as an international business machine, whilst the event which had brought the Assembly together was most significant. The request by a great nation for admission to the League was a sign of the strengthening hopes and consciences of the nations.

New President.

Geneva, later.

Senhor Augusto da Costa, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Portugal, was elected President of the Assembly.

In an address after his election, President da Costa dwelt on the new spirit of Locarno which had made to-day's fraternity and which to-morrow might extend to all the nations of the earth.

After electing six Vice-Presidents and members of two Committees, one of which will report on Germany's application for admission to the League, the Assembly adjourned sine die.

Great public interest was taken in the proceedings, the galleries being packed.

London, March 9.

A message from Geneva dated yesterday, states:—No progress was made to-day towards an agreement on the question of enlarging the League Council, although there was much fruitless discussion.

BRITISH VIEWS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

With reference to the informal conversations on the constitution of the League Council, which are proceeding in Geneva, the general impression in London is that nothing has occurred to increase the difficulties of the problem upon which the statesmen are engaged and that the conversations between them have already served the purpose of removing many of the misconceptions which have grown up around the question during the last fortnight.

There is general regret that Mr. Briand has had to absent himself from Geneva and that a short delay has occurred in consequence, but it is felt that the value of his assistance in reaching a solution justified the postponement of the main conversations for a day or two, by which time it is anticipated that he will have returned from Paris.

Meanwhile the consultations among all the delegates to the Council, and others particularly interested at the moment in the constitution of that body, are continuing, and there is considerable confidence in British circles that the difficulties will be finally overcome.

MINE EXPLOSION.

48 MINERS ENTOMBED.

RESCUE WORK PREVENTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bluefields, March 9.

In West Virginia a double explosion occurred in a mine near Eccles. 28 were entombed by the first shock and 20 by the second. An escape of gas prevents rescue work.

WORLD COURT.

QUEER POINT RAISED IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 8.

The United States Supreme Court has refused to entertain a motion by the lawyer, Mr. Benjamin Gatchings, to restrain the United States from participating in the World Court on the alleged ground that its participation would be unconstitutional.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

INDIA'S FAR-REACHING POLICY.

PUBLICITY DESIRED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 8.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Earl Winterton, Under Secretary of State for India, outlined the opium policy of the Government of India, which, if approved by the Legislature, would go far beyond its international obligations.

Mr. R. S. Hudson (Conservative, Whitehaven) asked whether adequate publicity would be given in the countries where we were attacked on account of our policy, particularly in the United States?

Earl Winterton replied that he did not know whether that lay in his power, but he hoped that publicity would be given.

Lieut.-Col. F. L. Fremantle (Conservative, St. Albans) asked whether there was any guarantee that China would not take up the production of opium which was restricted in India?

The Speaker pointed out that this did not arise.

The New Policy.

At the opening of the Assembly on February 9 the Viceroy (Lord Reading) said:

My Government have recently had under their consideration the adoption of a new policy regarding opium, which is in accordance with the trend of opinion in a number of other countries, and also, with views that have been freely expressed in some quarters on different occasions in India. We have very carefully examined the new obligations undertaken by us under Article I of the Protocol to the Convention of the Second Opium Conference at Geneva to take such measures as may be required to prevent completely within five years from the present date the smuggling of opium from constituting a serious obstacle to the effective suppression of the use of prepared opium.

As a result we have come to the conclusion that in order at once to fulfil our international obligations in the largest measure, and to obviate the complications that may arise from the delicate and invidious task of attempting to sit in judgment on the internal policy of other Governments, it is desirable that we should declare publicly our intention to reduce progressively the exports of opium from India, so as to extinguish them altogether within a definite period, except as regards exports of opium for strictly medical purposes. The period to be fixed has not yet been finally determined, as before arriving at a decision it is necessary to consult the Government of the United Provinces regarding the effects that the resulting reduction in the area cultivated with opium will have on the cultivators in that Province.

We further propose to discontinue altogether the system of auction sales in opium in India as soon as the agreement for direct sale now being negotiated with the Government of French Indo-China is concluded. My Government hope at an early date to move a resolution in both Chambers of the Legislature in order to give the members of the Legislature an opportunity of expressing their views on these important proposals.

LOCARNO PACT.

BRITAIN AND THE DOMINIONS.

FULL DISCUSSION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, replying to a number of questions in the House of Commons, said that it was proposed to discuss fully the Locarno Treaty with the Dominions at the forthcoming Imperial Conference.

On the question as to whether the communications which had passed between the Imperial Government and the Dominions would be published, Mr. Amery said that they were official communications leading up to a decision of policy, like communications within a Cabinet, and were not always of a character which it was desirable to publish.

PEKING CABINET.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN POSITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 8.

During the week-end there has been no improvement in the Cabinet situation. Mr. Wang Wen-shan, Mr. Chen Wu, and Mr. Hu Shih have all failed to accept the portfolios offered to them.

FRENCH CRISIS.

M. BRIAND CONFERS WITH LEADERS.

A CABINET MAKER?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 8.

M. Briand, on his arrival from Geneva, said that he was most satisfied with the results of his trip to Geneva.

M. Briand, after visiting M. Doumergue at the Elysee, conferred at some length with the Parliamentary leaders.

The general impression is that he will form a Cabinet, retaining most of his ex-colleagues, with M. Caillaux or M. Peret as Minister of Finance.

France Steady.

The French franc has remained steady and closed to-day at 134.45.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, March 7.

The papers are baffled at the present obscure position as a result of the French crisis, the ultimate consequences of which only the future can unveil, and the lack of any developments over the week-end at Paris and Geneva—at least on the surface—produced nothing with which to enlighten the abstruse arguments on France's economic, political, and psychological plight.

Meanwhile, it is felt that the legal complexities of the French delegation's position loom as an alarming shadow over the bright hopes centred on Geneva.

Searching Analysis.

London, March 8.

The far-reaching effects of the French financial crisis, which, it is described as grave indeed, are subjected to a searching analysis in a "Times" leader, which expresses the opinion that one of the chief obstacles to European reconstruction is the unsolved French financial problem.

This domestic problem is of a character so intimate, vital, and fundamental that the position of France in Europe, and the exact part she will henceforth play, in international affairs, depend largely on its solution.

The Treasury is nearly empty after months of agitated discussion, and no provision is made to cover the increasing deficit and put finances on a sound basis, and with the prospect of the situation growing desperate, many bewildered minds in France are beginning to play with the idea of desperate remedies.

MOSUL FRONTIER.

AMBASSADOR RECALLED FOR CONSULTATION.

TURKS AND THE SCHOOLS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

Mr. Godfrey Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that no further communications had passed between the British and Turkish Governments for the peaceful settlement of the Mosul Frontier since the return of Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, from Ankara, on February 28. The British Government was carefully considering the instructions to be given to Sir Ronald Lindsay, and it had been decided that he should return to this country for consultation.

Intoxicated Leader. Mr. Locker Lampson said that, meanwhile, Sir Ronald Lindsay is paying another visit to Ankara in order to take up the case of Turkish action against the English High School for girls in Constantinople, and also certain other cases in violation of the Lausanne Treaty. He confirmed the report that Turkish officials had threatened to close the school unless a Turkish officer were installed as Turkish teacher, and that the school authorities had refused to admit this officer on the ground of his intoxication. Turkish interference had taken the form of forcing unqualified Turkish teachers on the schools, and insisting on a disproportionate amount of school time being given to the teaching of Turkish.

HULLOA LONDON!

SPEAKERS HEARD IN NEW YORK.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 8.

The wireless telephone conversations with London were entirely successful. At this time the London speakers were clearly heard, and over local lines. As the day wore on, the London speakers were heard, and the London speakers were heard, and the London speakers were heard.

48 HOURS.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THIS MONTH.

CONVENTION TOO VAGUE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

The Ministry of Labour here has now received answers from Germany, Belgium, France, and Italy in regard to the meeting of the Conference to which they have been invited by the British Government. They all accept the date suggested, and the Conference will therefore open in London on March 15.

The agenda is restricted to the consideration of a Convention for the adoption of standard hours of labour in the five countries.

The Washington Convention, providing for 48 hours a week, has not been ratified by any of those Powers except Italy, and Italy's ratification was made contingent on the ratification by others. There is, therefore, in effect, no Italian ratification.

One of the reasons for the general refusal to ratify the Washington Convention is that its provisions are in some important respects so vague that widely conflicting interpretations are given to them. When the London Conference meets on March 15, an attempt will be made first of all to agree on a common interpretation of the Washington Convention. If such an agreement is reached the Conference will then discuss whether the five nations are now prepared to put 48 hours a week into effect.

It is understood that the British Government is in favour of that policy.

SALVATION ARMY.

BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL BOOTH.

WORLD-WIDE TRIBUTES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 8.

The seventieth anniversary of the birthday of General Booth was celebrated at an enthusiastic Salvation Army demonstration in the Albert Hall. Delegates from all over the world paid a great ovation to General Booth.

Telegrams and letters of congratulation have been received from all climes, and the offerings from the Empire and other countries, totalled £145,000. Messages of congratulation were read, including one from His Majesty the King, and another from the Viceroy of India. The latter paid a tribute to the good work of the Salvation Army in ameliorating the conditions of life among criminal tribes and its social service among the depressed and backward classes.

Progress Programme. General Booth, in an address, outlined the scheme for the Salvation Army progress during the next seven years.

This will include the establishment of the work of the Army in seven new countries, probably including North Rhodesia, South China, and Portuguese Africa, and the re-opening of the work of the Army in the United Kingdom. It is also aimed at raising 1,000 new missionary officers, each for headquarters, the United Kingdom, and Europe; also the training of 14,000 new officers, and the raising of £500,000 to extend the work in London, which he feared would soon be almost a heathen city.

CHINA'S WARS.

FENGTIEN GUNBOATS OPEN FIRE.

KUOMINGHUN REPLY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tientsin, March 8.

At daybreak this morning the Fengtien gunboats of Taku opened fire on the Kuomintang shore batteries, which replied, resulting in an artillery duel for half an hour. Foreign ladies have left Taku for Tientsin.

Bridge Blown Up.

Tientsin, March 9.

Three gunboats took part in yesterday morning's bombardment of Taku.

Communications between Chinwangtao and Tongku are completely cut off owing to the blowing up of a bridge over the Han river.

The Peking-Mukden Railway now holds only one day's supply of coal, whilst the Kailan Mining Administration yesterday notified the papers that no further orders for coal will be acceptable, as the sales offices are closing from today till further notice.

NOTICES.

G. R.

NOTICE.

TRAFFIC arrangements for the Investiture at Government House, on SATURDAY, the 13th inst.:

From 10 a.m. until after the Investiture is over traffic to and from Cause Road will be diverted by way of Arbuthnot Road for East bound traffic, and Lower Albert Road for West bound traffic.

All traffic in Queen's Road and Garden Road will be stopped from 10.50 a.m. to 11 a.m. and for a similar time on H.R.H. Prince George's return journey. Cars will be parked on the North side of Upper Albert Road west of Government House.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police
Hongkong, 6th March, 1926.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

REMINDER.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Institute, on WEDNESDAY, 10th instant, at 6 p.m.
A Good Attendance is requested.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following is the Provisional List of dates upon which Extra Meetings will be held this Season:

3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 2nd October and early November.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

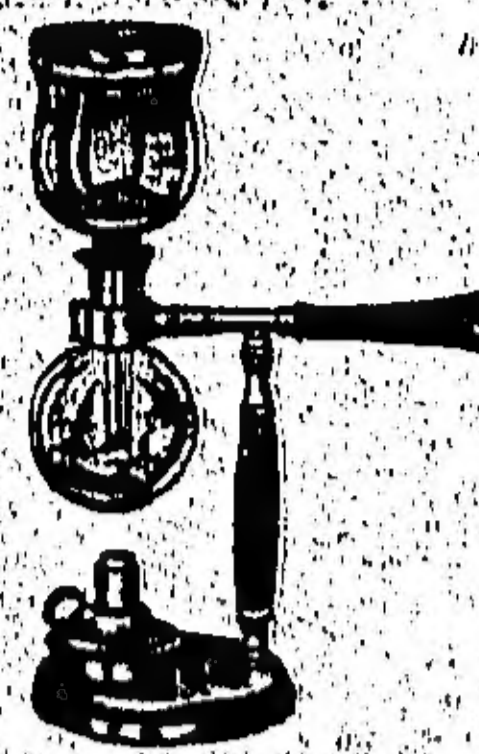
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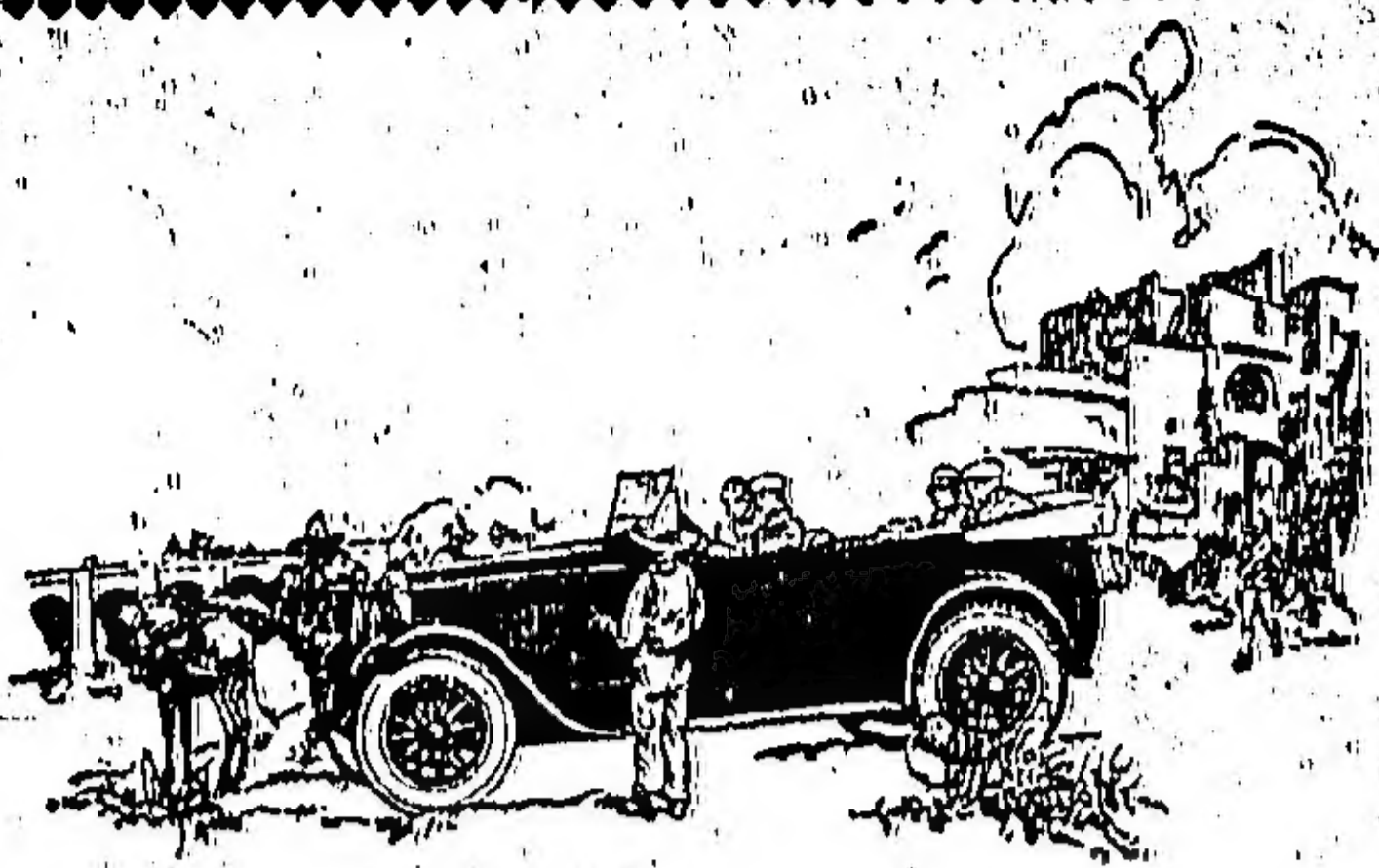
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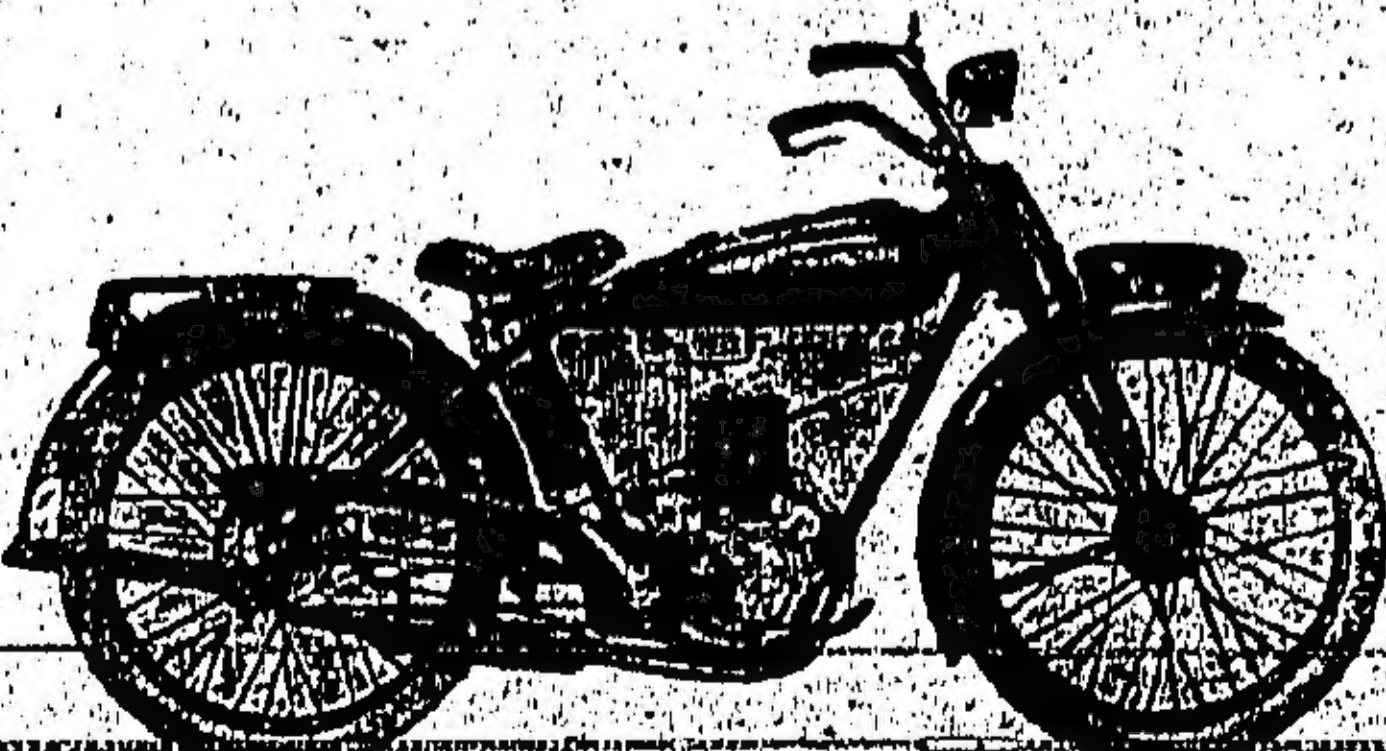
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Traffic regulations are announced in connection with the Investiture at Government House on Saturday next.

The number of Philippine Scouts has been reduced, by order of the House of Representatives on the military appropriation vote to 7,000. Also \$220,000 was appropriated for barracks and quarters in the P.I.

The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., advertises for sale the two double-ended ferry boats, "Northern Star" and "Southern Star." These have been supplanted by the new vessels, "Golden Star" and "Meridian Star."

In December last the Swiss Mint issued 50,000 gold pieces of 100 francs. These were so eagerly sought for that there is not one in circulation at the present time, and it is reported that these coins now fetch 160 and even 180 francs.

The following ordinary annual meeting of local companies are announced to be held: The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. on Friday March 12; The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. on Wednesday, March 17, and the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. on Friday, March 26.

The fatal fall of a Chinese who attempted to jump from one verandah to another was inquired into by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a verdict of accidental death was returned. The evidence showed that the man was running an opium den at a house in Sun Street, Wanchai, and met his death in attempting to escape from revenue officers.

The anniversary celebration of the Wesleyan Church is to be continued to-morrow, when a tea, followed by a public meeting is to be held in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street. The Chairman at the meeting will be the Rev. A. H. Bray, M.A., B.D., and the speakers will be the Bishop of Victoria (the Rev. C. R. Duggan), the Rev. R. D. Ross, M.A., and Mr. P. V. Early, M.B. Solos are to be contributed by Mr. E. E. Haggard.

There has just been published the first number of the Amateur Stage, a journal devoted to the interests of amateur actors and actresses. Handsomely produced, it should have a wide appeal.

An ordinary general meeting of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on Wednesday, March 10, 1926, at 5 o'clock.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders will be held in the Institute on Wednesday, 10th inst., at 8 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

A vernacular daily says that the retail prices of daily necessities in Kobe, which have been steadily declining since the autumn, showed little change on February 1, compared with January 8. Investigations made by the Kobe Chamber of Commerce reveal that of 35 standard items, nine had fallen in price on February 1, five had advanced, but only slightly, and the remaining 21 had remained unchanged.

The health authorities in Glasgow have started a scheme for supplying mothers who are in a delicate state of health with a daily help at a minimum cost. A mother confined to bed, but compelled to look after a large family, can under this scheme be relieved of all her cares and worries by merely ringing up the Corporation department. A woman is sent at once to the home, where she takes up the reins of management, washing the kiddies and doing all the innumerable things necessary in a household of young children. The authorities satisfy themselves as to the integrity and competence of the women supplied. The minimum sum to be paid each day is fixed at 1s., but there is no fixity of remuneration above that figure—each household may make such payment as is thought fit. The scheme has given great satisfaction, and is one which should recommend itself to other civic bodies in Great Britain.

Contractors will shortly start work rebuilding London Charing Cross underground station, to enable it to deal with an increased volume of passenger traffic which will arise when the Kemington extension opens next year.

The population of Italy is placed at 42,115,606 in the results of the census completed on December 31, and undertaken upon the order of the Premier, Benito Mussolini. This figure represents an increase of about 3,000,000 over 1921.

Novels, romances, reviews and other matter published before the war and classed as belles lettres are to be banished from Leningrad's 120 public libraries and reading rooms. An order to this effect has been issued by the local board of education. Directors of libraries and reading rooms who fail to comply with the decree by February 1 will be held responsible.

Kansas criminals applying for paroles have no chance to obtain them unless they guarantee to reimburse their victims, according to a new mandate laid down to the state pardon board by Gov. Ben S. Paulen. Those who have good records in the state penal institutions may obtain paroles only if they, by the instalment plan, pay back to those they wronged the cost or amount of property they illegally obtained. Failure to meet instalments will mean revocation of the paroles.

A new political party, "The Peoples' Party" has been formed under the leadership of Prof. W. Magennis, who succeeded from the Irish Free State Ministerial Party following the London agreement on the question of the boundary between North and South Ireland. The new party's aim as announced will be to secure unity in Irish territory and the establishment of a central government for the whole of the country. The executive committee includes Senator Moore, Patrick McCartan and Padriac O'Malley, Deputy Speaker of the Dail Eireann.

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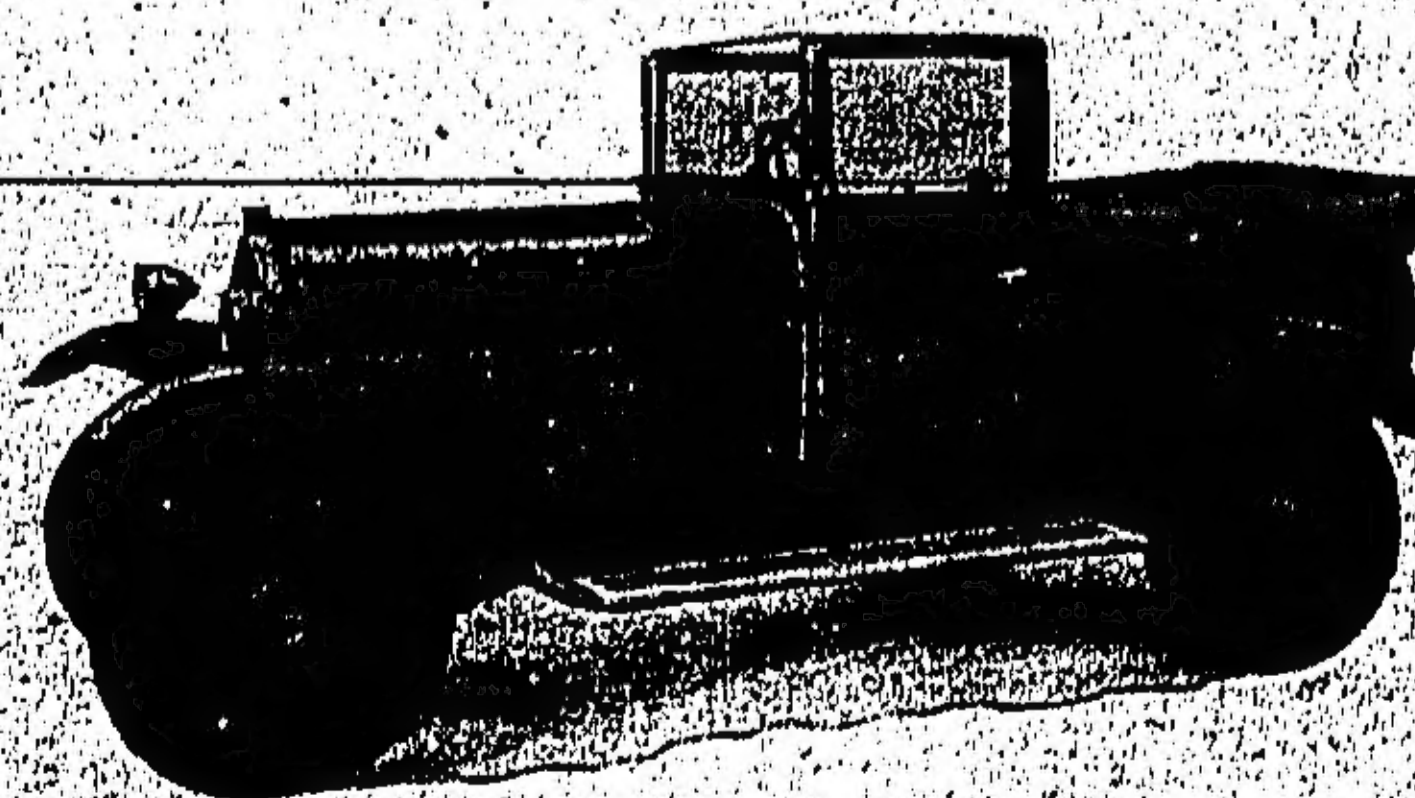
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Otten returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Grant."

It has been decided to hold the annual dinner of the Engineer Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on Thursday, April 1.

Mr. L. D. Wood, manager of the Penang Branch of The Straits Trading Co., Ltd., is proceeding to Europe on leave in early March. Mrs. Wood accompanies him.

Mrs. W. H. Tate, of Taiping, will be going home in the near future. Mr. Tate counts 41 years residence in Malaya, all of which have been spent in Perak—a somewhat unique record.

The Hongkong Chinese Young Women's Christian Association, of No. 127, Caine Road, will hold the sixth annual meeting on Wednesday, March 10, at 3 p.m. Proceedings will be mostly in Chinese. Miss Nelle E. Elliott is the senior secretary.

The following Colonial Service appointments have been made: Straits Settlements—Lieut. W. B. Clarke, European Master, Education Department, Malaya—Mr. R. P. Bingham and Mr. I. W. Blalock, Cadets; Mr. R. E. Hope, Falkland, Police Probationer, Malay States—Mr. F. S. Ward, Assistant Mycologist.

At the annual dinner of the Shanghai St. David's Society, Mr. S. Barton, H.M.'s Consul-General, who was present as a guest, produced a leak which he had had from a Welsh regiment 22 years previously, and complimented St. David's upon being the one, and only society which could boast of members who were able to carry on their proceedings in their real native language. The President (Mr. Ellis Fugh) who proposed "Devil Sant," and Dr. Evan Morgan who proposed "The Guests" had made their speeches in both Welsh and English. Judge Grain said that he hoped it was permissible to pull the Consul-General's leg, and suggested that St. George's Society could claim the same honour of being able to carry on their proceedings in their real native language. The Judge said his family had been English for eight generations, and he hoped he was entitled to say that his English could talk their own language.

Mr. J. Johnstone of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. returned to the Colony yesterday from home leave, by the "Hakusan Maru."

The Queen's College Old Boys' Association are arranging a dinner to be held on Saturday, March 13 in the Hall of Queen's College.

Among the wreaths at the funeral at Windsor of Mr. John Jones, Sergeant-Parier at the Royal Mews, Windsor Castle, was one from the King and Queen.

The fifth concert in aid of St. John's Cathedral organ fund will be given on Wednesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. The artists at this concert will be Mrs. Balaent, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Minney and Mr. Squires. Tickets (one dollar) may be obtained from the organist at the Cathedral Hall or payment made at the door.

We regret that Miss Betty Ram is leaving the Colony this week (observes "Cathedral Notes.") Over the pen name of "Philippa," she made several charming contributions. We wish her every happiness. Our thanks are gratefully given to Mr. Evan Stewart, the well known student of history, late of Trinity College, for his kind help in the February and March issues of the magazine.

The current issue of "Cathedral Notes" says:—It is with deep sorrow and regret that we record the sudden death of Colonel Bacchus who was a regular worshipper in the Cathedral. His charming personality, and the great value of his friendship will be treasured by all who met him. Our sympathy and kindest wishes go out to Mrs. Bacchus who leaves the colony this week—R.I.P.

For some time past the inhabitants of Mentone, Southern France, have wondered why so much smoke should issue from the chimneys of a certain large and commodious villa. None of the neighbouring houses had fires going, like that even, during the unprecedented cold snap. The cold snap ended and still those chimneys smoked overtime. But at last the mystery was solved. The villa is the winter home of the Spanish author, Blasco Ibañez. His hotel factory, where he turns out the portraits of his romances and personal adventures, (the latter in the shape of political articles) is going full blast. He says: "My chimneys are my servants."

Under a Poor Law Act of 1601, George March of Battle, Sussex, was ordered at Sutton, Surrey, recently, to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his grandchildren, who were not being maintained by their father.

Lord Knutsford writes from the London Hospital, another of his crisp letters of advice on the protection of property. "The cat burglar season is opening," he says. "If ladies will keep their jewels in a safe put in a passage, and not in their bedroom, I have it on the authority of a friend of mine, a retired cat burglar, that none of them would dare to try to open it."

The French recently gave signal honour to George Moore, Irish author, who spends half the year in his Ebury street house, Pimlico, London and the other half divided between Paris and Fontainebleau. They not only dined him and decorated him but they said in print, openly, that "his English has all the qualities of good French prose." Praise, in Paris, could go no further.

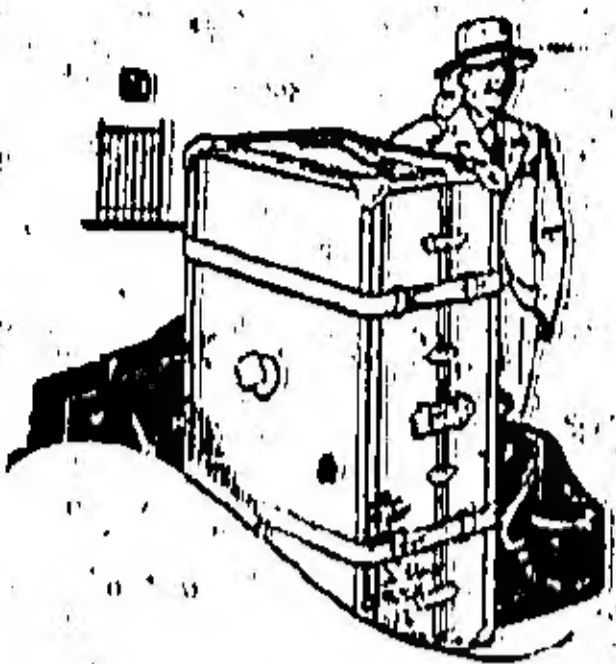
"People regard lovemaking as something shameful that must not be mentioned," said the Rev. Mr. Patton, addressing the Hull Free Church Council. The church should assume the responsibility for guiding the irresistible force of lovemaking along the right channels, giving Christian sanctification and encouragement and providing the lovers meeting places within its blessings and security.

When Maurice Rostand, son of a famous father, and latest recruit to the ranks of poets who appear in Paris music halls, came on to do his "turn" not long ago, he didn't recite any of his own verse. Instead, being that logical and tactful thing, a pacifist, he launched into a tirade against the war in Morocco. Whereupon the audience hissed him vigorously and showed such further signs of lack of appreciation that the poet had to beat an abrupt retreat. The peace he longed for was restored only when his fellow artists, a troupe of trained seals, took Maurice's place.

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People and Events in the News of the World



MRS. MUSSOLINI AND CHILDREN

Although legally married for years, Premier Mussolini, of Italy, has just gone through the religious ceremony with his wife. They were united at a civil ceremony while Mussolini was editor of a Socialist newspaper.



BARBARA LA MARR

Barbara La Marr, the actress, was reported to be critically ill at her home in Los Angeles.



MR. & MRS. AUSTIN E. CURTISS

Austin Eno Curtiss has been suspended from Yale University after his marriage to Dorris Connors, New Haven.



VILMA BANKY RUDOLPH VALENTINO

According to reports from Paris, Rudolph Valentino went through an experience which sounds just like a "movie plot" when Baron Imre Lukatz, a Budapest millionaire, swung an angry right at the star. Rudy ducked and knocked the Baron cold with a right hook. The Baron, in love with Vilma Banky, was jealous of Rudy's love-making with the Hungarian beauty in a film. He challenged the actor to a duel, but it was settled amicably.



JOHN McDERMOTT GREELEY

John McDermott Greeley, a nine-year old boy of Brooklyn, is believed to have been kidnapped.



Governor Ritchie



Count Alfred De Niczycouski

Governor Ritchie of Maryland has been mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for President in 1928 on a "wet" ticket. Count Alfred De Niczycouski, president of the Polish Navigation Corporation, has been negotiating about the seizure of Polish ships for debts. Mrs. Florence Knapp, New York Secretary of State, may stand for Lieutenant-Governor at the next election. E. Frank Cheatham has been named U.S. Quartermaster-General to succeed the late Major-General William H. Hart.



PRINCESS LOUISE & ENRICO TOSELLI

Signor Enrico Toselli, an operatic composer and singer, who, in 1907, eloped with and married Princess Louise, the divorced wife of King Frederick Augustus, of Saxony, died at Florence, Italy, in poverty.



EDITH BOBE

Edith Bobe, a wealthy New York dressmaker, figured several months ago in a sensational jewel robbery, robbers bending her and stealing her valuables, has now announced her marriage to Robert L. Hague, a Standard Oil official.



Mrs. Florence Knapp



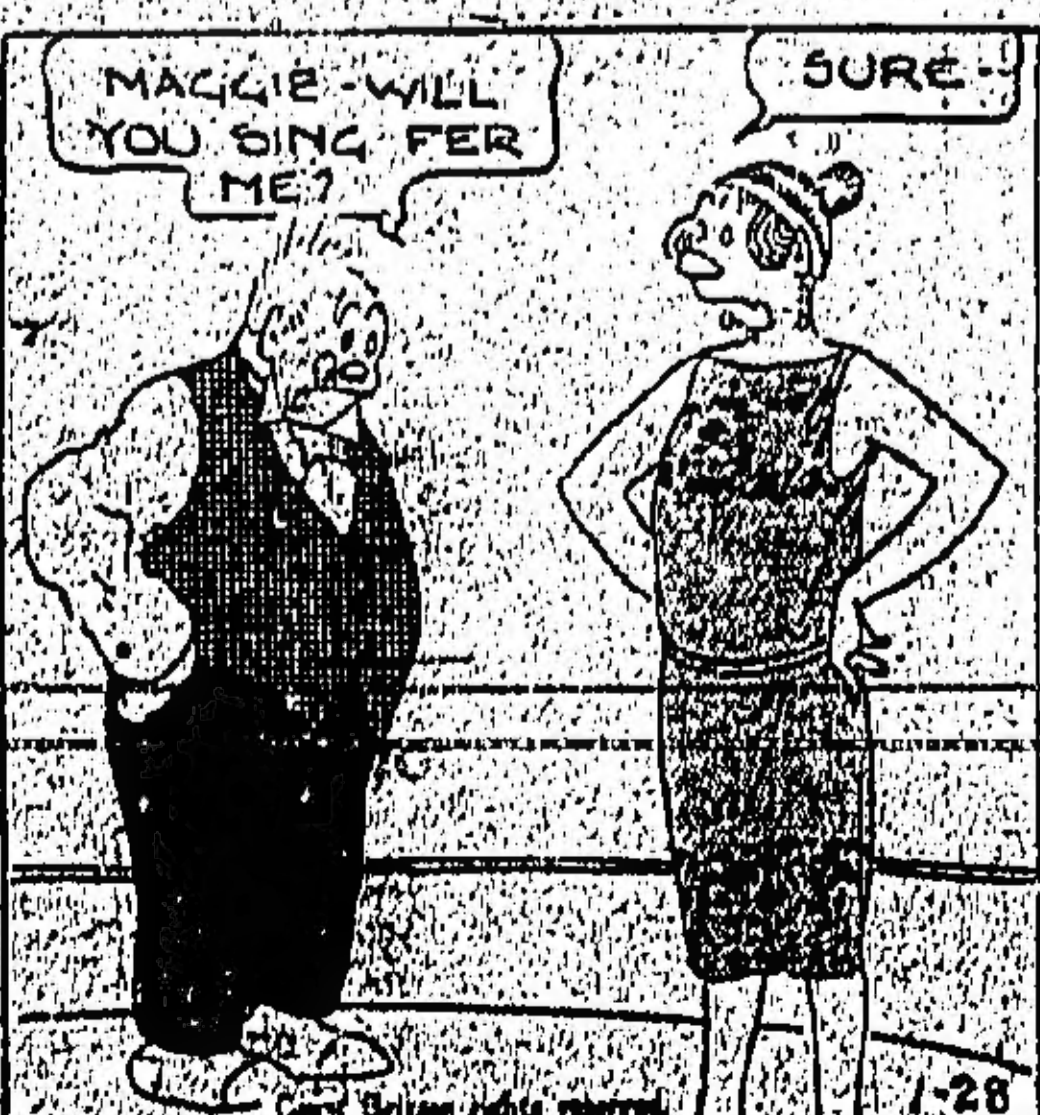
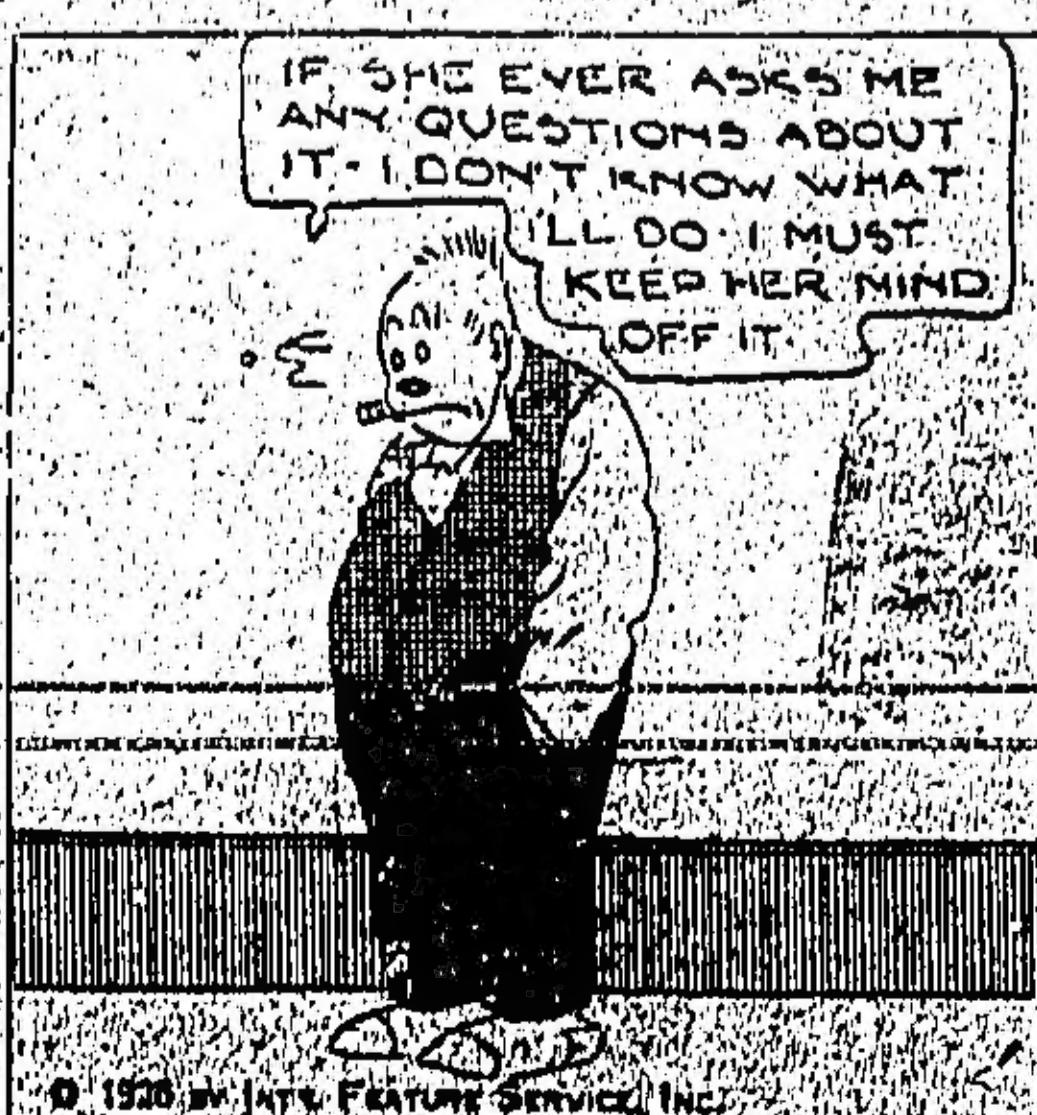
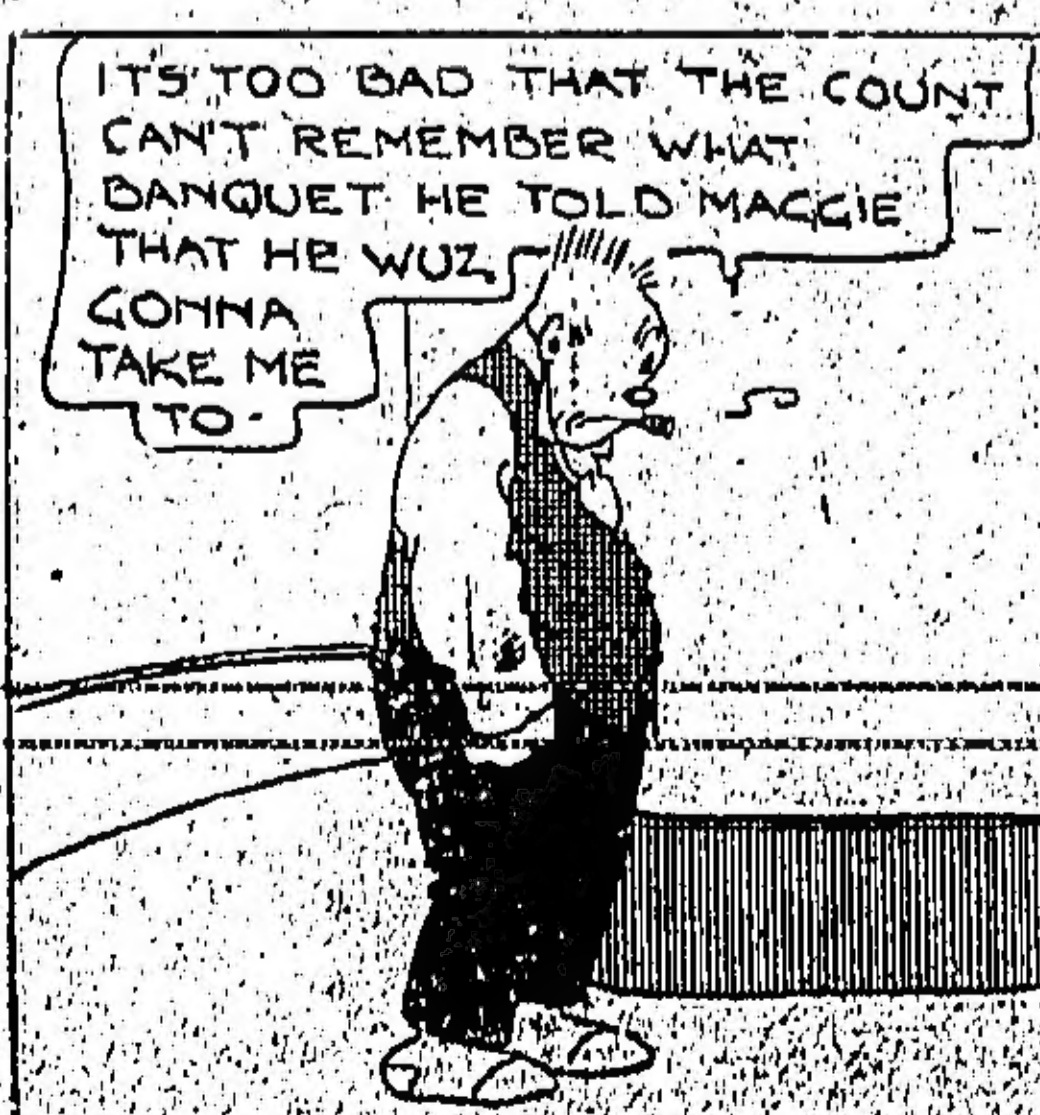
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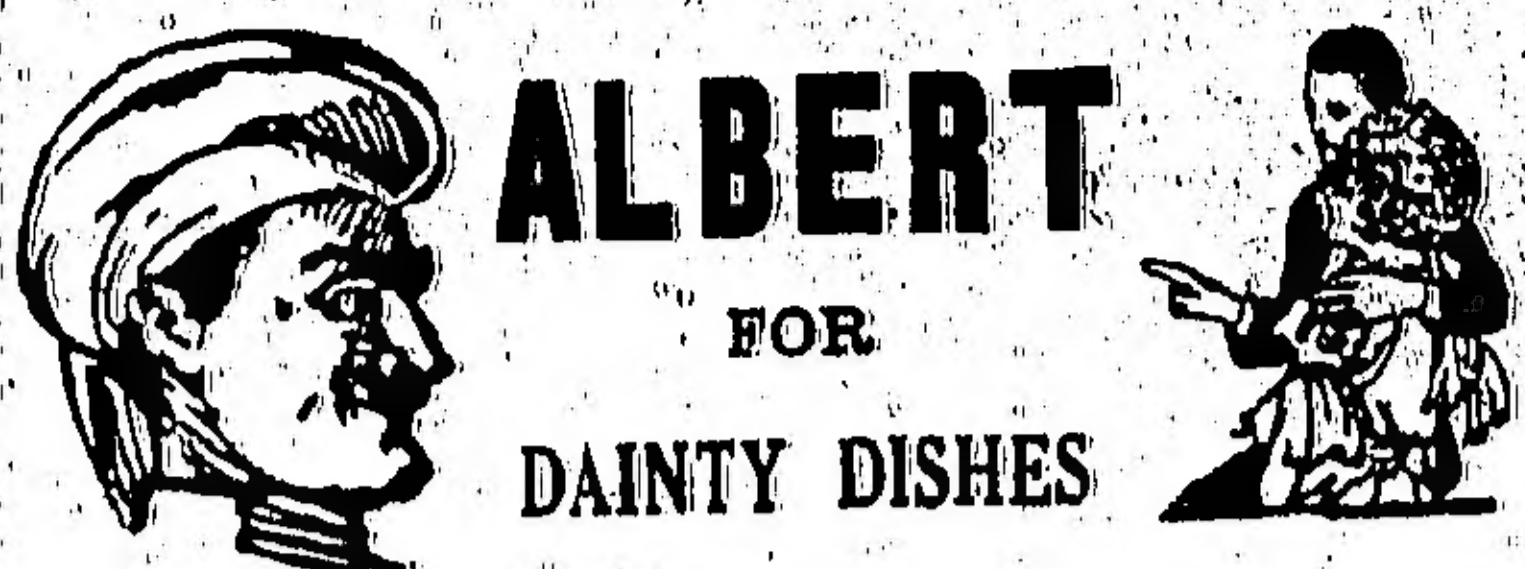
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**HISTORY OF THE RECENT
DISPUTE.**

SATISFACTORY DECISION.

Commenting on the withdrawal by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., of the proposals referring to salary reductions for ships' officers, the "China Press" of February 28 says:—
The decision of the Company was received in Shanghai with general satisfaction by those concerned, and has brought to a conclusion a state of affairs between the men and their employers that was, to say the least, fraught with grave possibilities and difficulties.
It has been common knowledge along the China coast for many months that it was proposed to reduce the salaries of officers and engineers on the ships of a certain company, and when the announcement came from Jardine, Matheson & Co., it was not unexpected. Consequently, when the proposal was made, it met with strong opposition from the China Coast Officers' Guild and also the Marine Engineers' Guild, both of which made it known in no uncertain voice that such action would meet with the united disapproval of the members.

Negotiations have been in progress since last August, when the first official intimation of the Company's intentions were made known by letter to the Guilds. The latter stated that Jardine, Matheson & Co., proposed certain reductions in salaries and asked the Guild to support them. The matter was discussed at various meetings of the Guilds right up to the present time, and a conference, was also held with the Company, but nothing came out of them and no settlement could be effected. When it was found that the Guilds would not agree in a body to the proposals, private meetings of the Company's own employees were called in order to put the matter before them, but the men intimated that the only proper method of discussing the question was through the Guilds. The Company then came back to the Guilds and wanted to make the reduction effective and, also, wanted to know what the men were going to do. The answer was given in the ultimatum issued on Friday.

This was the history of the dispute as given by Mr. Watson yesterday, and he added that, so far as the Guild was concerned, the matter was finished with now that the proposal of the Company had been withdrawn.

United Front.
The sending of the ultimatum was the outcome of the decision made at a combined meeting of the two Guilds held on Thursday evening, but what transpired at that meeting and what was to be the attitude of the members had the Company persisted with their proposals, has not been divulged. Sufficient it is to state that the officers of the Company, both deck and engineers, were prepared to pre-

sent a united front in the defence of their mutual interests and had come to a "momentous and serious decision" in the matter.

Mr. Kirby said that it was not his intention to make any statement regarding the reasons for the Guild taking the decisive step that it had, as his idea was that, in all negotiations of their character between the officers on the Coast and their employers, it was always the party who made the first move who should make the first statement. As the Company had called for the reduction in wages, the onus of making the first statement for the benefit of the public rested with them.

Mr. Watson added that he wanted it made clear that so far as the Guilds were concerned the matter was finished.
In conversation later Mr. Watson said that, in view of the present high cost of living, it was well-known that the wages were really below a fair average, but up to the present, the Guild had refrained from making any advances for an increase. The recent trouble only served to show the value of the Guilds to the officers of the Coast since, without a united front and without the support of the other members, it was more than likely that the officers of the Company concerned would have been unable to meet the crisis. He did not feel justified in giving any statement to the public at this juncture and would withhold any comment until the Company made their statement.

Pay And Company's Earnings.
Just, however, to show that the officers were justified in taking the stand they had, he quoted from the report of the statement made by the shipping companies before the arbitration body in 1917. The companies, Jardine, Matheson & Co., and Butterfield & Swire, stated before the arbitrators later alias: "That the rate of pay is not necessarily dependent on the earnings of the company, but by the volume of the services rendered by the employer in question." The clause went on to state "and it is for the officer concerned to establish that the existing rate of pay is out of proportion to the service rendered."

Since a reduction in pay was the matter in question on this occasion, not an increase, it was for the Company to show that the services rendered by the officer were not in proportion to the pay and, in doing so, the earnings of the company could not enter into the question. The officers of the Guilds realised that the companies had not been experiencing the best of times and this had been a great factor restraining them absolutely from making any advances for an increase in salary, despite the increase in the cost of living.

Mr. Watson stated that the recent trouble was the first that had occurred since the strike in 1916, which was mainly over the recognition of the Guild and also for an increase in pay. The result of the strike was the granting of an increase in wages. There had been absolutely no trouble since that time and everything had gone along smoothly.

TRADE FIGURES.

**BUREAU RE-OPENING
REFERRED BACK.**

CHAMBER AND ECONOMY.

The agenda of the Finance Committee yesterday contained a reference to the proposed re-establishment of the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department.

The Chairman said that, with the permission of the Committee, he would withdraw this item and bring it up for consideration at a later date. He intimated a wish to refer the matter to the General Chamber of Commerce.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that two months ago the Chamber of Commerce gave a very emphatic opinion in favour of the Statistical Branch being re-established.

The Chairman: And you recommended some economies.
The Chairman undertook to bring the matter before the meeting of the Finance Committee next week.

The teacher in the nautical school was instructing the would-be ships' officers about the barometer.

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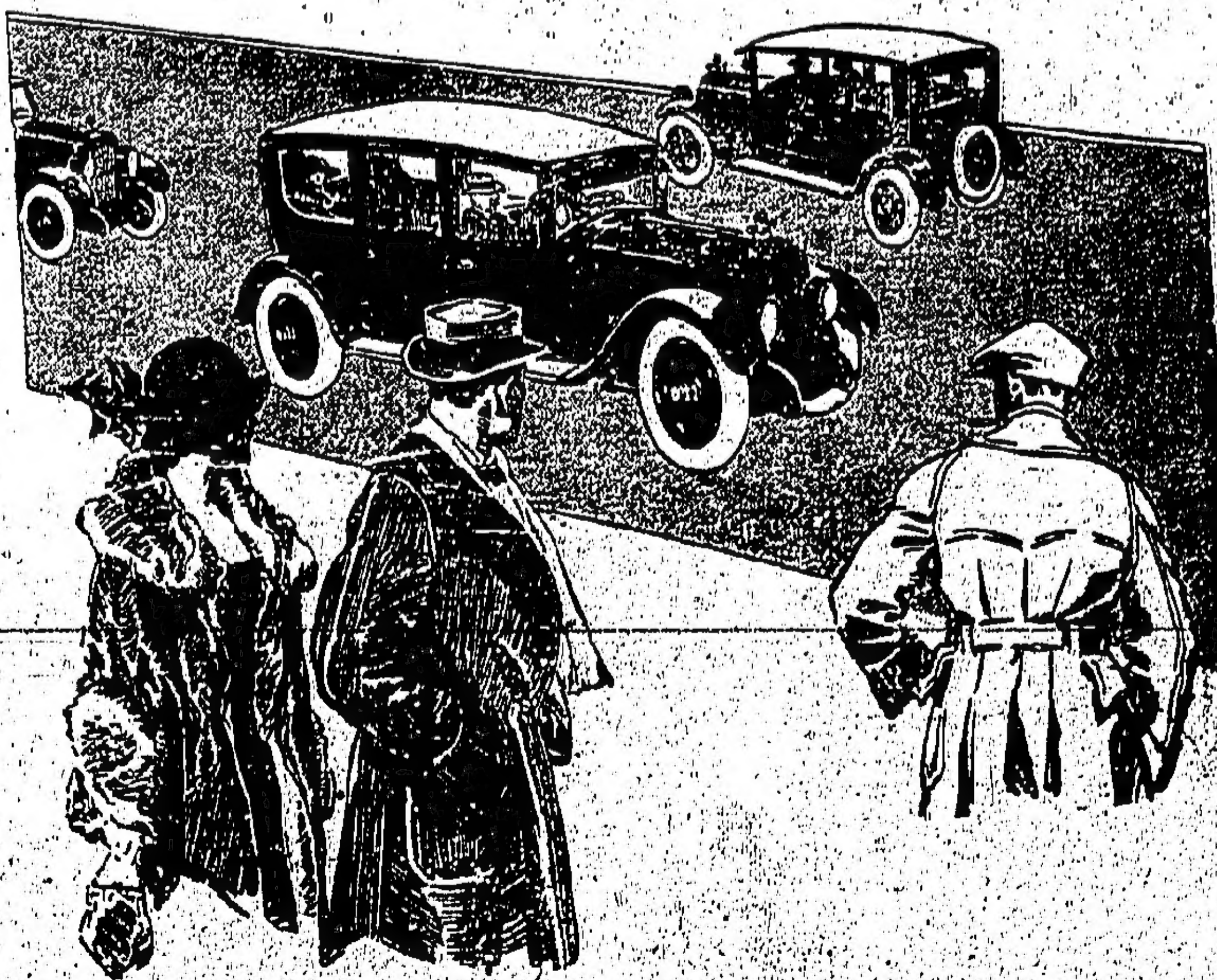
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